Linking of villages with roads in H.P.

†4092. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the district-wise and Panchayat-wise number of villages in Himachal Pardesh which have not been connected with suitable metalled roads for all weather conditions;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Government have formulated a national rural roads linkages scheme; and

(c) if so, what measures Central Government will take in next two years under this scheme to connect all the villages in Himachal Pradesh with metalled roads ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) The requisite information will be obtained from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and placed on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) A scheme for providing rural connectivity through construction of roads in the country is being formulated.

Proposal to provide employment to ten lakh youths

†4093. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide self-employment to ten lakh youths belonging to most deprived families;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding Gujarat;

(c) what will be the total outlay for this programme and the time-frame for its implementation; and

(d) the name of implementing agency for the programme and the details of sources through which funds are to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) and (b) The Ministry is implementing a holistic self-employment programme-Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) with effect from 1st April, 1999. The objective of SGSY is to bring he assisted below poverty

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